



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Alain BARON *et al.*

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Atty. Docket No.: 18528.675

Filed: December 19, 2003

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For: **Compositions for the Treatment and  
Prevention of Nephropathy**

**REPLY TO RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**  
**- AND -**  
**SECOND REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

**Office of Initial Patent Examination  
Filing Receipt Corrections**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed December 1, 2004 (copy enclosed), Applicants submit a Second Preliminary Amendment to update and correct the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section of the specification for the above-referenced application, as follows:

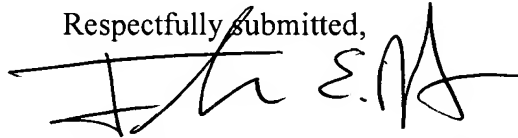
"This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 10/740,146, entitled "Prevention and Treatment of Cardiac Arrhythmias," filed December 17, 2003, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/434,508, filed December 17, 2002; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/434,888, filed December 19, 2002, all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety."

Accordingly, please make the following corrections to the section entitled "Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant". A marked-up version of the Corrected Filing Receipt mailed December 1, 2004 is attached.

**" This appln is a continuation-in-part of 10/740,146 12/17/2003  
which claims benefit of 60/434,508 12/17/2002  
and claims benefit of 60/434,888 filed 12/19/2002"**

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this filing. However, if any charges are deemed appropriate, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Marsh", written over the text "Respectfully submitted,".

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Filed: December 19, 2003  
Title: **Compositions for the Treatment and Prevention of Nephropathy**  
Inventors: Alain BARON *et al.*  
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Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Reply to Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt - AND - Second Request for Corrected Filing Receipt;
2. a copy of the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed December 1, 2004;
3. a Second Preliminary Amendment;
4. a copy of the Corrected Filing Receipt mailed December 1, 2004 with corrections indicated in red; and
5. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then

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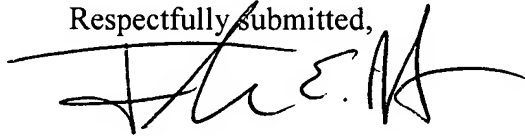
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the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 18528.675. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments